

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. *(currently amended)* A composition for the treatment or prophylaxis of a bee disease, the composition comprising:

(a) an inoculum containing one or more microorganisms that are non-pathogenic to bees for producing a microflora having therapeutic or prophylactic efficacy against the bee disease; and

(b) an apicultural delivery vehicle for delivering the inoculum to a component of a bee hive, or to ~~at least a portion of~~ a bee colony that is susceptible to or infected with the bee disease, whereby a remedial and/or protective microflora is established within the hive or the bee colony.

2. *(original)* The composition of claim 1, wherein the apicultural delivery vehicle is selected from:

- (a) a patty;
- (b) a syrup;
- (c) a drench;
- (d) a dusting; and
- (e) a paste.

3. *(original)* The composition of claim 2, wherein the apicultural delivery vehicle is a patty selected from:

- (a) a sugar patty; and
- (b) a sugar and fat extender patty.

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